

CLAIMS

I/We claim:

- [c1]
 1. A method in a computer system for presenting forecast information, the method comprising:
 - providing forecast snapshots, each forecast snapshot having a forecast date, a forecast period, and summary forecasts;
 - receiving from a user a request to display forecast information for a forecast period;
 - for each forecast snapshot for the requested forecast period, retrieving forecasts for participants of the forecast;
 - retrieving current opportunities for the user; and
 - generating a display description with a summary area that includes summary information of the retrieved forecasts for participants of the forecast, a participants area that includes information of the retrieved forecasts of each participant, and a user area that includes information of the retrieved current opportunities of the user.
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 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the information of the areas include a date for each forecast snapshot.
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 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the participants area includes a row for each participant that, when selected, provides more detailed information about each participant.
- [c4]
 4. The method of claim 1 wherein information of the summary area includes closed revenue and forecast revenue.

[c5] 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the information of the summary area includes pipeline revenue.

[c6] 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the information of the summary area includes expected revenue.

[c7] 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the information of the participants area includes closed revenue and forecast revenue.

[c8] 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the information of the participants area includes pipeline revenue.

[c9] 9. The method of claim 7 wherein the information of the participants area includes name of the participant.

[c10] 10. The method of claim 1 wherein the user area includes information for each opportunity of the user.

[c11] 11. The method of claim 10 wherein the information for each opportunity includes opportunity identifier and forecast revenue.

[c12] 12. The method of claim 1 wherein the summary area includes a row of information for each forecast snapshot within the forecast period, the participant area includes a row of information for each participant within each forecast snapshot within the forecast period, and the user area includes a row for each opportunity of the user.

[c13] 13. The method of claim 1 wherein information of the summary area includes forecasted quantity of a product.

[c14] 14. The method of claim 1 wherein the information of the summary area includes closed quantity of a product.

[c15] 15. The method of claim 1 wherein the information of the summary area includes pipeline quantity of a product.

[c16] 16. A computer system for presenting forecast information, comprising:
a data store with forecast snapshots having a forecast date, a forecast period, and forecast information;
a component that, for each forecast snapshot for a forecast period, retrieves forecasts for participants of the forecast; and
a component that generates a display description with a summary area that includes summary information of the retrieved forecasts for participants of the forecast, a participants area that includes information of the retrieved forecasts of each participant, and a user area that includes information of opportunities of a user.

[c17] 17. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the information of the areas include a date for each forecast snapshot.

[c18] 18. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the participants area includes a row for each participant that, when selected, provides more detailed information about each participant, the more detailed information including opportunity information retrieved from a snapshot.

[c19] 19. The computer system of claim 16 wherein information of the summary area includes forecast revenue.

[c20] 20. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the information of the summary area includes closed revenue.

[c21] 21. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the information of the summary area includes expected revenue.

[c22] 22. The computer system of claim 16 including a component that automatically generates forecasts in accordance with a forecast definition.

[c23] 23. The computer system of claim 16 wherein information of the participants area includes forecast revenue.

[c24] 24. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the information of the participants area includes pipeline revenue.

[c25] 25. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the information of the participants area includes name of the participant.

[c26] 26. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the user area includes information for each current opportunity of the user.

[c27] 27. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the user area includes information for each opportunity of the user stored in a snapshot.

[c28] 28. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the summary area includes a row of information for each forecast snapshot within the forecast period, the participant area includes a row of information for each participant within each forecast snapshot within the forecast period, and the user area includes a row for each opportunity of the user.

[c29] 29. The computer system of claim 16 wherein information of the summary area includes forecasted quantity of a product.

[c30] 30. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the information of the summary area includes closed quantity of a product.

[c31] 31. The computer system of claim 16 wherein the information of the summary area includes pipeline quantity of a product.

[c32] 32. A computer-readable medium for controlling a computer system to present forecast information, by a method comprising:
providing forecast snapshots, each forecast snapshot having a forecast date, a forecast period, and summary forecasts;
for each forecast snapshot for the requested forecast period, retrieving forecasts for participants of the forecast; and
generating a display description with a summary area that includes summary information of the retrieved forecasts for participants of the forecast and a participants area that includes information of the retrieved forecasts of each participant.

[c33] 33. The computer-readable medium of claim 32 wherein the information of the areas include a date for each forecast snapshot.

[c34] 34. The computer-readable medium of claim 32 wherein the participants area includes a row for each participant that, when selected, provides more detailed information about each participant.

[c35] 35. The computer-readable medium of claim 32 wherein the information of the participants area includes name of the participant.

[c36] 36. The computer-readable medium of claim 32 wherein the summary area includes a row of information for each forecast snapshot within the forecast

period and the participant area includes a row of information for each participant within each forecast snapshot within the forecast period.

[c37] 37. The computer-readable medium of claim 32 wherein information of the summary area includes forecasted quantity of a product.

[c38] 38. A computer-readable medium containing a data structure comprising:

a summary area that includes summary information of forecasts for participants of a forecast, the summary information being generated based on forecast snapshots having a forecast date, a forecast period, and summary forecasts;

a participants area that includes information of forecasts of each participant that is generated based on the forecast snapshots; and

a user area that includes information of the retrieved current opportunities of the user.